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Re: Preliminary Environmental Review
Sun Rise Recycling Plant #1

Board of County Commissioners, Sanders Co. Courthouse, Thompson Falls
Dave Ohler, Co. Sanitarian, Courthouse, Box 728, Thompson Falls, MT
Robert Miller, Trout Creek Refuse Disposal District, Trout Creek, MT
Kootenai National Forest-Cabinet Ranger District, Trout Creek, MT
Philip Lewis, Route 2, Box 29, Trout Creek, MT 59874
Environmental Quality Council, Capitol Building, Helena, MT
Tom Ellerhoff, Environmental Sciences Division, DHES, Helena, MT
Harold Chambers, State Library, Capitol Complex, Helena, MT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604,
the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the
Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Philip Lewis
dba/Sun Rise Recycling Plant #1, Trout Creek, MT.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform
all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of
the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have
a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary
Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15)
days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within
the allotted time.

Sincerely,

LARRY D. MITCHELL
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Environmental Sciences Division

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid Waste Management Bureau

Project or Application Philip Lewis dba/Sun Rise Recycling Plant #1

Description of Project Establishing a new motor vehicle wrecking facility
near Trout Creek, Montana (See map)

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

| | Major | Moderate | Minor | None | Unknown | Comments on Attached Pages |
|--|-------|----------|-------|------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats | | | | X | | |
| 2. Water quality, quantity and distribution | | | | X | | |
| 3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture | | | | X | | |
| 4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality | | | X | | | X |
| 5. Aesthetics | | | X | | | X |
| 6. Air quality | | | | X | | |
| 7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources | | | | X | | |
| 8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy | | | | X | | |
| 9. Historical and archaeological sites | | | | | X | |

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

| | Major | Moderate | Minor | None | Unknown | Comments on Attached Pages |
|--|-------|----------|-------|------|---------|----------------------------|
| 1. Social structures and mores | | | | X | | |
| 2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity | | | | X | | |
| 3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue | | | X | | | X |
| 4. Agricultural or industrial production | | | | X | | |
| 5. Human health | | | | X | | |
| 6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income | | | X | | | X |
| 7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities | | | | X | | |
| 8. Quantity and distribution of employment | | | X | | | X |
| 9. Distribution and density of population and housing | | | | X | | |
| 10. Demands for government services | | | X | | | X |
| 11. Industrial & commercial activity | | | | X | | |
| 12. Demands for energy | | | | X | | |
| 13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals | | | | X | | X |
| 14. Transportation networks & traffic flows | | | | X | | |

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction _____

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. Sanders County Health Dept.

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not Necessary

PER Prepared by: _____

Date: February 3, 1984

DHES/ESD-2

Larry Mitchell
LARRY MITCHELL

Lewis PER

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

4. Vegetative cover, quantity and quality

A one acre storage yard for salvage motor vehicles is proposed to be established on a 6.5 acre parcel of land owned by the applicant. Approximately one half of the parcel is timbered by a second growth stand of pine and Douglas fir typical of major intermountain valleys of Western Montana. Removal of some over and under story vegetation may be necessary to provide storage space for vehicles or to facilitate operation of the business. This impact is not expected to be significant.

5. Aesthetics

The Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and rules require all junk vehicles and motor vehicle wrecking facilities to be shielded from public view. Public view is defined as that point six feet above the centerline of any public roadways. Wrecking facilities must be properly shielded before they may be licensed for operation.

This proposed facility is located approximately 500 feet west of a county road and 1500 feet north of Highway 200. Both are public roads. The one acre site proposed for use as a vehicle storage yard is reportedly shielded from public view by natural vegetation and the natural topography of the area. Elevation differences between the site and portions of the roadways effectively lock the view of the site. In other areas, native evergreen timber stands and understory vegetation adequately screen the facility from public view. If the storage facility is expanded in size necessitating removal of existing vegetation, additional artificial screening may be required. Failure to shield junked vehicles from public view is punishable by criminal misdemeanor or civil penalties and is grounds for license revocation.

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3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income
8. Quantity and distribution of employment

The successful operation of a motor vehicle wrecking facility may have minor but positive impacts on any or all of the above criteria. This business activity typically involves the solicitation and acquisition or purchase of wrecked, worn out or inoperable motor vehicles from firms and individuals for the salvaging and sale of reusable vehicle parts and pieces. Unsalvageable material is usually sold and recycled for ferrous and non-ferrous metal content. This facility should provide another local market and a screened depository for junked or inoperable motor vehicles.

Income and employment opportunities should be available to the applicant and any additional employees needed for the operation. Also, salvage facilities often utilize the services of secondary trades and businesses such as construction, vehicle repair and machining, communications, transportation and advertising.



Capital improvements to the property and successful operation of the business may provide a small increase in state and local tax base and revenue over that from the previous land use.

10. Demands for government services

Routine field inspections by state and local junk vehicle program officials will be conducted to assure that the facility is being operated and maintained in compliance with the law. A minor but insignificant impact may be expected on demands for other government services such as police and fire protection, solid waste disposal and local permitting agencies for water, sewer and utility installations.

13. Locally adopted environmental plans and goals

The application has been reviewed locally and certification has been obtained stating that the establishment and operation of a motor vehicle wrecking facility at this location is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances.



MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Environmental Sciences Division
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Helena, Montana 59601

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: **TERRENCE D. CARMODY, CHIEF**
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Montana Department of Health and
Environmental Sciences
Helena, Montana 59601

1. Name of applicant: San Rise Recycling
2. Name of facility: San Rise Recycling Plant #1
3. Address: P.O. Box 1425 Trout Creek Montana 59874
4. Size and legal description of facility: The plant will be one acre in size
The property is located in the North East Corner of Section 7
Township 24 North Range 31 West, Trout Creek Sanders County Montana.
5. If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property:
Name: Phillip Lloyd Lewis Sheila Kay Lewis
Address: Rt. 2 Box 299 Trout Creek Montana 59874
6. Attachments: a. Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.
b. Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.
7. I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances. (To be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).

TITLE: David L. Ohler R.S.
OF: SANDERS COUNTH HEALTH DEPT
(City or County)

8. Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: _____
Robert Lutell Randy Madison

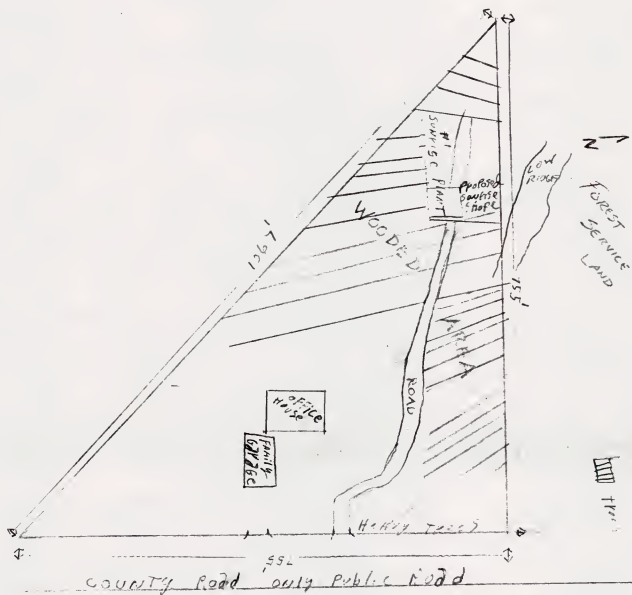
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: Robert Lutell PHONE: 827-3676

TITLE: Phillip L Lewis DATE: 1-6-84

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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
SANDERS COUNTY
MONTANA

PREPARED BY THE
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
PLANNING AND RESEARCH BUREAU

IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

